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#### SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, April 22.-Forecast for

Virginia-Fair and warmer Saturday; Sunday rain, fresh east to southeast winds.

TE OF THE THERMOMETER.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
April 23, 1904.
rises 5:26 HIGH TIDE.
sets 0:50 Morning 10:45
risets 1:17 Evening 11:23

#### Richmond.

Panama Canal contract signed and utra-cd over to the United States—Jockey Pierce dangerously injured at Cumberland Park—League ball teams playing fast ball—Little change in stock market— Ogden educational party arrives at Rock Hill, S. C.—National Child Labor Com-mittee organized—New York syndicate will be formed to underwrite New Vir-ginia-Carolina Chemical stock.

#### COOL-HEADED ACTOR REMOVED BURNING SHADE

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It is not always that an audience loses its presence of mind in the face of seeming danger.

This was demonstrated at the Academy last night, when, in the first act, a large lamp shade caught fire and was removed from the stage by Mr. De Witt Jennings without a movement or an exclaimation being made by any of the spectators—that is, not until the actor had returned to take up the scene where he had left off—when the audience applauded most heartly. Mr. Jennings noticed that the lamp shade was burning before the audience was made aware of the fact, and the cool and collected manner in which he went on with his lines, while at the same time he removed the shade and carried it off, no doubt reassured the sudlence, and prevented even the most nervous ones from being alarmed. Had some one in the audience first discovered the accident, a cry would probably have been raised, which might have caused some commotion among the spectators.

### WANT HELP TO-DAY

The 90 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8, are as follows:

11 Trades, 5 Canvassers, 47 Domestics, 1 Clerk, 22 Miscellaneous, 2 Stenographers, 2 Agents.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## **CHICAGO BANDITS** HANGED

Three Noted Criminals Pay Death Penalty.

#### **NEIDEMEYER WAS** BORNE TO SCAFFOLD

Atheist Had Gone Only Two Steps From Cell When He Gave Away.

#### CONDEMNED MEN HAD COMMITTED EIGHT MURDERS

Marx and Vandine Bid Each Other Good-Bye-Had Repented and Received Last Rites in Roman Catholic Church-Triple Execution Successful.

last but seemingly unnerved completely Peter Neldermeyer, the leader of the carchair, contrasted with his companions in dine, who, standing erect, kissed image of Christ and died without tremor. The three executions were separate, twenty minutes apart, the same scaffold being used for all. Only once before in the large number of executions that have taken place at the jail in this city has it been necessary to carry a condemned man to the gallows as Neid-

Killed Eight Persons.

The crime for which the three bandits paid the penalty was one of eight murders, in which the three men are known to have committed—that of Francis W. Stewart, a clerk in the car-barns of the Chicago city railway. Neidermeyer had

Neidermeyer's Execution.
Neidermeyer had gone only two step-from his cell when he sank, and i

The convulsive movements of Neidermeyer's body while he was suspended
at the rope's end led the physicians at
first to believe that he had horribly
strangled to death. After an official examination, however, it was said his neck
had been broken.
Shortly before the hanging Neidermeyer's mother had asked to be admitted to the fail, but her request was
refused.

VETERAN DIES

Marx Hangs. The only requests that the other bandits, Marx and Vandine, made were that they

Home, Was Returning

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Mr. Chick had been attending the revival service at West View Baptist Church, and in company with several veterans was returning to the Home. At the intersection of Grove Avenue and Rowland Streets Mr. Chek had a hemorrhage and died on the pavement with his friends about him. Residents of the neighborhood responded promptly and did all they could for the dying man. Dr. Deas, the Home physician, was hastily summoned, but death came before the doctor could possibly get there.

The coroner, Dr. Taylor, viewed the body, and learning that death was due to natural causes, gave it to the Home authorities for burial. An inquest was not necessary.

Mr. Chick had been in the hospital for some time, and was far from well. He was advised not to go out, as he was very feeble, but he was very anxious to go to church, and thought he could do so without injury to himself.

Mr. Chick had been in the Home for about two and a half years, and was seventy-three years of age. The funeral arrangements are yet to be made.

From Church.

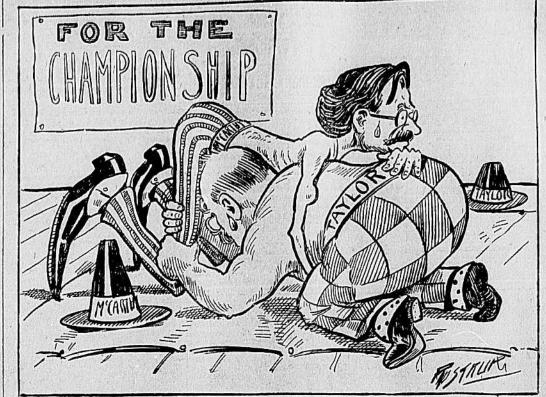
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IN THE STREET

Mr. Joseph B. Chick, of Soldiers' Men Fight Night and Day to

## THAT THE LIQUOR DEALERS WILL NAME A FULL TICKET IS BELIEVED BY MANY

RICHMOND, VA., SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1904.



A HARD TUSSLE!

# ASSASSINATE DEDICATION AN INFORMER

Ambush With His Little Daughter.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROCKY MOUNT, VA., April 22.-James

this county, known as Runnet

#### FATAL AFFRAY ON **BOARD A SCHOONER**

which vessel the fight occurred. The men had been drinking, and Olansen declared he was a member of the union. This was denied by Dulgan, and the dispute began. The men went aboard the Massasolt to examine Olansen's papers. While on board the fight began. The stabbed man died fifteen minutes after his assailant left the ship. When arrested Dulgan's clothing was saturated with blood and his arm to the elbow was covered with it.

TERRIFIC FOREST

Save the Dwelling

Houses.

FIRES IN PAGE

# EXERCISES

ames Nowlin Shot Down From Street Railway Y. M. C. A. Opened To-day-The Occasion Graced by Miss Gould.

#### ADMIRABLE BUILDING

A Hundred Pleasures and Conveniences Are Provided at Nominal Cost.

ginia Passenger and Power Company to-day at the building.

(Continued on Fifth Page.)

Sealed and Delivered to Our

Government.

#### WIFE MURDERER NOW PROPERTY OF PAYS PENALTY THE UNITED STATES

Frank Rose Shot to Death in Panama Canal Contract Signed, the Utah Penitentiary Yard. Death Instantaneous.

receiving the sad news.

Mr. Gregory leaves two sisters and two brothers—Mrs. Dr. J. M. Magruder, of Charlottesville; Mrs. H. St. G. Coalter, of Richmond; and Messrs. Roger and

of Richmond; and Messis. Roger than Willie Gregory.

He was a well liked young man, aged about thirty-seven years, and his death is sincerely regretted by all who knew him. For some time his health had been bad, although he had not been confined to his room.

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Gregory was well known in Rich, where he went to college.

OWN .PISTOL

Path With Revolver by

His Side.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

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LURAY, VA., April 22.—The most disastrous forest fires in recent years have been raging in this county for several days, and have destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of timber, bark and fencing. The flames have burned over thousands of acres of land on the Blue Ridge and have crossed the mountain in the direction of Sperryville, Rappahannock county.

The fire, which has been fanned by furious gales, has defied hundreds of firefighters. In many instances dwelling houses have been saved by men fighting house fave for the company as its responsible officials. The transfer is complished officials and day.

Judge Saunders's Mother Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROCKY MOUNT, VA., April 22.—The mother of Judge E. W. Saunders, aged seventy-four years died at the residence seventy-four years died at the residence of the properties of the stockholders of the Panama canal Company to-morrow, and the contract would not be executed until after the meeting of the stockholders of the Panama canal company to-morrow, and the question of ratiffication will be presented. As a matter of fact, however, when the meeting takes place to-morrow, President Beaux will announce that the sale has been company morning at 6 o'clock of pneumonia, after the meeting takes place to-morrow. President Beaux will announce that the sale has been company morning at 6 o'clock of pneumonia, after the meeting for authorpiced, and instead of asking for authorpiced. (By Associated Press.) SALT LAKE, UTAH, April 22.—Frank Rose, the wife murderer, was shot to death in the yard of the State peniteritary here at 10.00 this morning. Death was instantaneous, four bullets lodging in or very close to his heart. Rose was strapped to the same little wooden chair in which Peter Mortenson met his death a few months ago. Prison guards, concealed behind a heavy blue curtain in the doorway of a blacksmith shop across the area, formed the executing squad. One of the rifles held a blank cartridge. Rose went to his death chair with the same coolness that has marked his contained to the squad of the rifles held a blank cartridge. Rose went to his death chair with the same coolness that has marked his contained to the same in the same colless that has marked his contained to the same after her. The name of the man whom Afris, Graham went away with was not learned, but the husband stated that "He and my wife were sweethearts before we were married." Mrs. Graham's father was also here to-day, and stated that the would spare no means to get his daughter back. same coolness that has marked his con duct since he surrendered to the police. Rose's crime was peculiarly atrocious and cold-blooded, in that it almost resulted in the death of his two-year-old son from starvation and cold. Rose, who claimed his wife was consorting with other men, shot her on Christmas Day while she was lying in bed,

### Surprise Will be Sprung at the Last Minute.

IMPORTANT MEETING

**HELDON YESTERDAY** 

Then, According to Persistent Report Last Night, the Great Coup Was Planned.

FINAL RALLY OF WARRING HOSTS IS HELD TO-NIGHT

The Academy of Music Is Likely to be Packed-Mayor Taylor Has Not Stated Whether or Not He Will Attend. Captain Wise Issues Statement.

The contest for Mayor, already fairly bristling with public interest, was given new life last night by the persistent and apparently well founded rumor around he lobbles and public places, that the Executive Committee of the Retail Liquor during the afternoon, had practically determined to take a decided stand in the for Mayor and both branches of the

of their candidates for the various po-sitions on the night prior to the primary by means of a circular letter to be sent out. An officer of the association was geen, and further than to admit that a meeting was held, he refrained politely from discussing the subject, but it was widely talked of, and created something of a sensation. W. C. A. Gregory Lying on Side of a sensation

Not for McCarthy.

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This information comes from near the inside, though it was not stated by any one actually in attendance upon the meeting. It was said when the question was asked "Who was picked out for Mayor?" that it was not Captain McCarthy, and this seemed to accord pretty well with the talk, which has been heard everywhere for the past week that a majority of the liquor people would vote for Mayor Taylor's renomination, even though there might be no formal endorsement by the association. The subject was freely discussed last night, and a great many shrewd pondelans expressed the view that it was not a strong card for the association to play, and if they endorsed a full teket throughout the cly, the would be shouldering something of a burden on the primary.

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has been claimed for some days that members of the association would up strongly for Mayor Taylor, and

Two Big Meetings

night's meetings are looked forwar th great interest by the public. The pai one will be at the Academy of The latter will be ward and Council, though if the inayoralty candidates can arrange to be present they will be welcome.

President E. W. Miner, or the Clay Ward Actives, will preside, and the meeting will be in the large room.

The meeting at the Academy promises to be the great feature of the campaign, and it will be presided over by former Congressman George D. Wise.

Great Event Expected. Captain Wise yesterday issued the fol-(Continued on Fifth Page.)

WIFE ELOPES WITH

# **OLD SWEETHEART**

The Husband Wants His Child Back, But Not the Mother.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.) WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., April 22.— dr. G. H. Graham, of Farmington,

## JUDGE SIMONTON'S

CONDITION UNCHANGED

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, April 22.—The condition of Judge Charles H. Simonton, of Charleston, S. C., who is critically ill at the Orthopaedic Hospital here, was reported to be a proposed.

# ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE KUROPATKIN

Beggars Try to Take Life of Russian General.

#### DIDN'T ACCOMPLISH THEIR PURPOSE

Put Under Arrest by Soldiers Knives Found on Their Persons.

#### VICEROY ALEXIEFF REPORTS TO EMPEROR

Japanese Submarines Are Off Coast of Sweden and Russians Are Alarmed for Safety of Baltic Fleet-Reported Column Met With Destruction.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.-Rumors are in circulation that two beggars atropatkin when he was in New Chwang guard noticed that one of them put his found upon them. It is said that the men confirmed to-night.

#### ALEXIEFF REPORTS.

Viceroy Makes Statement to Emperor Concerning Movements Russian Troops on Yalu.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—The fol-lowing telegram from Vicercy Alexieff

few troops south of the River Pointage but that the Japanese there are occupy in preparing boats. A Russian detainent of two officers and thirty-two managements in the proceeded thither in three boats. I detachment, however, was discovered the enemy, and shots were exchange three of our riflemen being killed. St. Captain Smelzin and eleven riflement were severely injured, and Lieuten Pushkin and four men slightly wound The detachment returned to our bank the river under cover of two of captains.

## TWENTY MEN KILLED.

Lieut, in Russian Navy and Seamen Lose Their Lives by Accidental Explosion of Mines.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—The Emperor has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff, hearing to-day's

date:
"I respectfully report to Your Majesty
that to-day, during the placing of mines
by some steam launches. Lieutemant Peli
and twenty men were killed through a
mine exploding prematurely under the
stern of one of the launches."

## USING SUBMARINES.

Japanese Craft of This Description Off Coast of Sweden. Russians Alarmed.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO. April 22—A special cable to the Daily News from Stockholm says:

"It is reported in responsible quarters that certain strange crafts, said to be Japanese submarines, are hovering off the east coast of Sweden. They were last seen off the fortified harbor of Paro Sound, in the Island of Gotland, in the center of the Haltic Sea. It is reported that the St. Petersburg authorities have been advised of the matter, and are alarmed for the Safety of the Baltic fleet."

#### GLOOM ADDED TO

Loss of Launch and Twenty-one Men Adds to Gloom Cast by Petropavlovsk Disaster.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—Vicaroy Alexietr's announcement of the destruction of a launch and the loss of tweatyone men by the explosion of a Russian nine at Port Arthur, has added to the gloom which has prevailed since the disaster to the Petropaviosk.

"We are paying the price of our carelessness," said a member of the admirality, "and previous disasters seem to teach nothing."

The war commission suppressed paof the wiceroy's dispatch, which showed where the mines were term but it.